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Tenth Meeting of the
 PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD
 February 21, 1952 2:30 p.m.
 Director's Conference Room
 Administration Building
 Central Intelligence Agency

MEMBERS:

General Walter B. Smith, Director of Central Intelligence,
 Chairman
 Honorable William C. Foster, Deputy Secretary of Defense
 Honorable James E. Webb, Under Secretary of State
 [REDACTED] Director, Psychological Strategy Board

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OTHER PARTICIPANTS:

Department of State
 Mr. Joseph B. Phillips
Department of Defense
 Brig. Gen. John Magruder, USA (Ret'd)
 Mr. Clayton Fritchey, Director, Office of Public Information
Central Intelligence Agency
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Joint Chiefs of Staff
 Brig. Gen. Jesmond D. Balmer
Mutual Security Agency
 Mr. Samuel D. Berger - Items 1 through 4 (as considered) only
 Mr. Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. - Items 1 through 4 (as considered)
 only

Federal Civil Defense Administration
 Mr. James J. Wadsworth, Deputy Administrator - Item 1
 (as considered) only

Mr. John A. DeChant - Item 1 (as considered) only
Atomic Energy Commission

Dr. Henry D. Smyth - Item 1 (as considered) only
 Mr. Shelly Thompson - Item 1 (as considered) only
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Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of all previous meetings have been approved.

Agenda Item No. 3. - Memorandum on Public Statements with Respect to
Certain American Weapons (PSB D-17d/2)

Action:

Approved as amended.

Discussion:

Mr. Foster indicated desirability of the note, inviting attention to the President's Directive of 5 December 1950, "Public Discussion of Foreign and Military Policy", being included.

Mr. Fritchey (Chairman of the panel appointed to draft the paper) pointed out the difficulties faced by his group in avoiding preparing a paper which might be too restrictive. Members of the Board were unanimous in agreeing that at best the task assigned the panel was a most difficult one and that extensive delineation of "do's" and "don'ts" would destroy practicability of the paper as a guidance for government representatives speaking at the highest levels. It was agreed that further study on the part of the panel was not indicated since the guidance already afforded by the President's Directive of 5 December 1950, as well as the requirement that statements dealing with atomic weapons development be cleared with the Atomic Energy Commission, provided additional safeguards.

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Agenda Item No. 4. -

Action:

The Board approved a Resolution to record its views with respect to certain aspects of the above titled Plan. This Resolution was made an integral part of the Plan. The basic paper was approved at the Ninth Meeting.

Discussion:

The Board considered a draft resolution embodying the observations introduced by Mr. Webb which were incorporated in the Minutes of the Ninth Meeting. The draft resolution was amended by the Board to embody certain suggestions for improvement offered by Mr. Tannenwald.

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Mr. Tannenwald stated that Mr. Harriman wished to strengthen the language of the resolution in order to remove any doubt that the United

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General Smith cautioned against including language which might be construed as a directive to any particular department. All were agreed that Mr. Harriman's first suggestion should be adopted as made but that the second suggestion should be modified to indicate that it is extreme-

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The Resolution as passed is as follows:

"RESOLVED: The Board's approval of PSB D-14c is with the understanding that the specific actions set forth in that paper are permissive rather than mandatory, and are to be carried out at the discretion of the Ambassador and the Department of State. However, the fact that these actions are permissive in no way detracts from the Board's position: first, that the continued

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Agenda Item No. 5(c). - Progress Report on Psychological Operations Plan for Soviet Orbit Escapees (Phase "A") (PSB D-18/a)

Mr. Sherman reported that the State Department was prepared to initiate action under Phase "A" of this paper subject to the Director of the Mutual Security Agency providing the necessary funds. He understood that there might be some difficulty in securing congressional approval for the use of funds made available under the Kersten Amendment for this purpose. Mr. Tannenwald advised that in a conversation with Congressmen Vorys, Mansfield and Ribicoff, all of the Foreign Affairs Committee, and Representative Kersten, a strong objection was encountered on the part of Congressman Vorys to the use of MSA funds for re-settlement of escapees. Speaking for Mr. Harriman, he felt it inadvisable for representatives of the Mutual Security Agency to seek authority for the use of

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the necessary 4.3 million dollars from MSA funds for the ~~defector~~ program in the face of the imminent presentation in the House of the 1953 MSA budget. He felt that the whole matter should be deferred pending further study of the situation in the Congress.

It was agreed that Mr. Harriman's office would undertake to prepare a presentation of the entire project to be used in the Congress. The staff and resources of the three member agencies, plus the staff of the Psychological Strategy Board, are at Mr. Harriman's disposal in developing the presentation. The presentation would be made as a part of the hearing on the MSA appropriation. Meanwhile, it was agreed that implementation of the [REDACTED] program would be temporarily deferred.

Agenda Item No. 1. - Plan for Conducting Psychological Operations During General Hostilities (PSB D-8a)

Action:

The Board noted and concurred in certain changes and language, proposed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the above titled Plan, which had been approved by the Board at its Fifth Meeting on 15 November 1951. (The final approved Plan will be transmitted by the Director to the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council.)

Discussion:

The Board noted with appreciation and praise the exemplary staff work that resulted in an agreed paper acceptable to all interested parties.

Agenda Item No. 5(a) and 5(b). - Progress Reports on Psychological Operations Plan Incident to Korean Cease-Fire Negotiations (PSB D-7/c) and Emergency Plan Break-Off of Korean Armistice Negotiations (J-19-d)

[REDACTED] reported that the operational planning under these two strategic contingency plans is substantially complete. The only item remaining is the receipt of certain assurances from the Far Eastern Command with respect to logistic support, which assurances are expected. He also reported that an alert network has been established among the affected agencies so that the appropriate contingent plan can be put into effect without delay as developments make it necessary.

Post-Agenda Item. - The Strategic Significance of Involuntary PW Repatriation in Korea.

The Director stated that he had transmitted his views on the above suggestions to the Board members with the thought that the Board might wish to discuss the matter in light of the importance of the issue in the current stage of the Korean armistice negotiations. The Board did not discuss the paper but suggested that it be considered by the Departments of State and Defense who have the current action responsibility

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on policy with respect to the Korean armistice negotiations. The Director stated that his reason for bringing this matter again to the attention of the Board was his concern over the long-range strategic impact of the eventual U. S. decision on this subject and his hope that it would be possible that negotiations could be continued in such a way that this particular issue would not be the single issue on which the negotiations would succeed or be broken off.

The Board adjourned at 4:15 P. M.

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